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The mystery of Major General Leonard A. Wood deepens with his return from France.

Secretary Baker's talk to the New England soldiers in France indicates that he has had at least a smattering of Vermont history. His "Allen's mountaineers" must refer to the hardy son of the old Vermont who served under the valiant leadership of Ethan Allen.

If Holland is discerning it will see that the German threat to blockade Dutch ports is not likely to be carried out, not so long as England and the American army need anything to eat. Germany will be busy trying to prevent the shipment of food as well as munitions and soldiers of the allies and will not be able to divert many submarines to the task of watching Dutch ports. When it comes to an invasion of Holland by land, that is a different matter; but, even so, Holland ought to be able to make a strong defense should Germany attempt to wreak vengeance in such a way.

There is no loss without some gain, so they say. Compelled by a machinery breakdown to postpone for several hours the printing of its March 21 issue, the Burlington Free Press was able to tell the story of a 7 a. m. fire and thus get ahead of its evening contemporary, which ordinarily would have had the first chance at the news. However, we presume The Free Press did not congratulate itself so much on that fact as it did on its ability to get the machinery repaired in a reasonably short time. Newspapers are constantly being vexed by minor breaks in machinery the same as other industries, but the instances are the more noticeable because the newspaper is almost a daily necessity nowadays.

The snow-ice coating on the chief streets of Barre has worn down so thin that it is almost at the vanishing point. Wheels have the predominance over sleigh runners and ere long the latter will have disappeared entirely, only as some traveler from the hill regions drags his weary way into the city after having started from home with the faith that conditions about his home would be duplicated by road conditions in Barre. Virtually, sleighing for the winter of 1917-18 is at an end. And it has been a long, long period of slipping around on runners. Coming during the latter part of November, the snow has clung to the ground with remarkable tenacity and from that time through December, January, February and until now in March there has been sleighing of the most satisfactory sort—that is, satisfactory as far as the sliding of the runners was concerned. Roughly speaking, there have been 120 days of continuous sleighing in this part of Vermont during the present winter. Perhaps that does not constitute a record but it has been enough.

AMERICANISM WON IN WISCONSIN.

The victory of Representative Irvine L. Lenroot in the senatorial primary in Wisconsin was not so pronounced as one might have hoped for but it is immeasurably better than it would have been had the order been reversed and James Thompson been nominated by the Republicans. Lenroot himself has not been a thick-and-thin supporter of the government through all the changes incident to the war and the United States' participation in that war. Prior to the entrance of the United States into the maelstrom he was either opposed to such a step and its attendant steps or he was only lukewarm in his support of the various measures. Since the act of Congress in declaring a state of war, however, he has stood valiantly by the administration at Washington and has done his part to indicate that he is thoroughly an American in fact and in spirit. Hence he came to be known in this campaign in Wisconsin as the loyalist candidate for the Republican nomination for United States senator. Had he been beaten in the primary it would have been a serious reflection on the attitude of

the people of Wisconsin toward the national government, not perhaps on the theory that Thompson is not an American but because Lenroot's acts during the past 10 months are on record in Washington and he is known to stand with the government. For that reason he was undoubtedly opposed by a considerable following of the population of Wisconsin which is secretly trying to handicap the United States in the prosecution of the war against Germany. Lenroot's nomination is, therefore, a triumph for Americanism, pure and simple, and not for any hyphenated Americanism.

VERMONT PEOPLE ARE LOYAL.

During the present week there have been two very impressive lessons in courts held in Vermont as to the universal call to American people to maintain steadfast loyalty, or at least to refrain from acts and speeches which might be construed as disloyal to the United States. A minister of the gospel has been convicted of disloyal utterances and a laborer in a small country town has been similarly convicted after being given opportunity to defend themselves against the charges. In the former case the defense seems to have been a positive denial of disloyalty, in spite of which the jury brought in a verdict of guilty; and in the latter case the defense was largely to the effect that the accused was partly in fun when the utterances charged against him were made, which, of course, the jury could scarcely take into consideration when judging the facts as presented. The results of these two trials have been to force the unwilling truth upon certain people that the United States is at war and that so long as the nation is at war it cannot brook disloyalty of any kind.

Vermont people, let it be added, are loyal to the core and the coincidence of two trials of such a nature closely following each other should not be taken by people outside of the state to mean that Vermont is breaking over its traditional lines of strict adherence to loyalty. We are still loyal here in Vermont and ready to do our full part in sustaining the hands of the United States government in the prosecution of this righteous war. The fact that such trials are held is in itself proof positive that Vermont's heart is right.

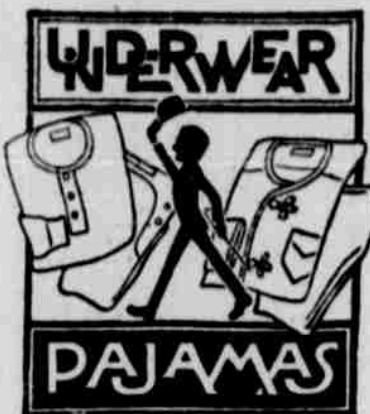
IN A STAND-UP FIGHT.

While the results accomplished by the British and French warships off Dunkirk on Thursday morning are easily counterbalanced by the sum total of allied warship losses at the hands of the Germans during the past year the event is certainly a distinct satisfaction to all the allied nations. In the stab-in-the-back game of warfare at sea the Germans have proven themselves to be quite efficient, their submarines creeping up to the warships of the British, the French and the Americans and applying the thrust all unbeknown to the victim. In that way a large number of the splendid war vessels of the three nations have been sent to the bottom of the sea with a large number of their men. But when it comes to a stand-up, man-fashion fight it is a different story. We do not mean to say that the fleets of the allies are so vastly more successful than the Germans in this mode of fighting but we do say that when it comes to a battle on anywhere near even footing the warships of the allies stand to their tasks with grim determination and, in consequence, are often successful so long as the foe consents to stay and fight it out. The reports thus far received of the battle off Dunkirk do not relate the comparative sizes of the squadrons engaged but we are informed that the allied squadron was composed of two British and three French ships, while the allied report of German losses would indicate that four German warships at least were engaged. So the disparity in numbers was not in favor of the allies to any extent, if at all. Therefore, it cannot be said that the allies pounced on a small collection of German warships and drove home the iron wedge. It was more or less of an even stand-up fight. And the Franco-British forces won gloriously. Hence score once again for the allied domination of the sea in this war. The navy which proudly proclaimed after the battle off Jutland that it was mistress of the sea does not yet see fit to back up its claim.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wants Main Street Swept.

Editor, Times: Is there any reason why the street department does not use the sweeper on the main street and help to remove the accumulation of surface dirt, which is disgusting and filthy? Taxpayer.



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CURRENT COMMENT

Submarine Frankness.

It is good news that the British government plans to give us each week the actual tonnage of the ships that have gone down under the submarine. We hope to see these tables include vessels of the admiralty as well as merchantmen, and as soon as the other allied governments can get 'round to it, the figures of their losses, too. We want to view the situation comprehensively.

We ought to be lulled into no false security by failing to realize the magnitude of the submarine problem. Nearly everything depends on its solution. Even the signs on every hand, "Food Will Win the War," have become of secondary relevancy. It will not win the war unless we have the ships with which to get it to the other side. And our own need of shipbuilding relates itself directly to the

amount of the losses of the world's tonnage.

We have an idea that the German government knows with approximate accuracy what its agencies of destruction are doing, so that no secret is being withheld from Berlin by our reticence. Give us, then, the facts! Let us know the temperature as it is. As Oliver Cromwell said, "Paint me as I am."—Boston Herald.

A Question of Time.

The daylight saving proposition, so long under discussion in this country, is now federal law and about to be brought to realization. All arguments against it were punctured long since. The last remaining objection, that its adoption would disturb our schedules with Europe, was removed months ago, when Europe anticipated us by adopting the very plan over which we were hesitating. There will be no disarrangement of international, interstate or intercommunity relations on account of this law.

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F. G. HOWLAND, President
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The Spirit of '61

Two old veterans of '61, whose wrinkled brows and feeble steps marked the trace of lengthening years, came into the bank recently and feebly worked their way along to the War Savings window.

As they glanced over the counter with childish curiosity at this new instrument of government finance, their faces lighted up at the joy of their proud possession, but only for a moment.

As they reached out with shaking hands to get a closer view of their purchase, they were struck with a feeling of reverence. There was the immortal Washington on the face of the stamp.

The lines of their faces became drawn, their heads, a moment before bowed, were now raised, their jaws snapped together, and there was a sharp flash in their eyes. The spirit of '76 was calling to the spirit of '61. Cold Harbor, The Wilderness, Andersonville and the rolling plains of Gettysburg were again driving them on. It was the old fighting spirit that never knows defeat, again battling within them.

These men offered their lives in the rebellion and were now offering their meagre savings to the same sacred cause of human liberty in which their grandsons are now dying on the fields of France.

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President Wilson's signature to the legislation has the simultaneous effect of putting the United States on an identical time schedule with European countries, and of keeping every state and every community in this country on a working schedule with every other. This it does in addition to realizing the great desideratum of making every minute of daylight available for war activities back of the lines. The industrial employee, office worker or other person who is interested in food production—as who is not?—will get his regular work out of the way early enough in the day to have several hours remaining for garden, poultry or other avocational pursuits. He will have to get up an hour earlier in the morning, but he can easily, if he will, retire an hour earlier at night; for all stores, shops, places of amusement, railroads and other enterprises will be on the same daylight saving schedule. As a matter of fact, the innovation will not change the routine of daily life one iota. One week from next Saturday night, all clocks are to be set ahead one hour. Everybody will then go to bed, the sleep of the just, arise the next morning per clock, as usual. This is all there is to it. On the last Saturday of October, the clocks will be set back again—and that's all there is to that. There is no occasion for worrying about technicalities in the new order of things, for no technicalities exist. The law will go into effect the last Sunday in this month—a week from next Sunday—and all the householder need do is set his clock an hour ahead and let it go at that. Simple enough, isn't it?—Manchester Union.

Congratulates Mayor C. S. Emery.

Curtis S. Emery is the newly elected mayor of the newest city in Vermont. We just wish Horace W. Bailey was on earth and could grasp "Curt's" hand (he is known and esteemed by Orange county men as "Curt" Emery) and congratulate him in the cheering, heartening style that our beloved Horace always greeted his friends. We will have to fall back on memory, but Col. Emery knows what Horace would say. But to cease delving into the past, and coming down to the stern realities of the present, The Herald congratulates Col. Emery and the city of Newport on-the-lake. It will take a cool head, strong hand and far-sighted vision to put the city government to running smoothly and economically, but in May or Emery Newport will find all these characteristics, and it has done wisely and well in making its first choice of mayor.—Island Pond Herald.



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